

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1 (Currently amended). A dielectric ceramic composition represented by ~~[[a]]~~ the chemical composition formula:  $100(\text{Ba}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x)_m\text{TiO}_3 + a\text{MnO} + b\text{CuO} + c\text{SiO}_2 + d\text{Re}_2\text{O}_3$  ~~[[()]]~~ wherein coefficients 100, a, b, c, and d each represent a molar amount ratio; ~~and~~ Re represents at least one element selected from Y, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, and Yb ~~[[()]]~~, and wherein m, x, a, b, c, and d satisfy the respective relationships:  $0.990 \leq m \leq 1.030$ ,  $0.04 \leq x \leq 0.20$ ,  $0.01 \leq a \leq 5$ ,  $0.05 \leq b \leq 5$ ,  $0.2 \leq c \leq 8$ , and  $0.05 \leq d \leq 2.5$ .

2 (Currently amended). A laminated ceramic capacitor comprising: a plurality of laminated dielectric ceramic layers; at least two internal electrodes, each being disposed between a different pair of adjacent ~~the~~ dielectric ceramic layers; and at least two external electrodes each of which is electrically connected to ~~the respective a~~ a different internal electrodes, wherein the dielectric ceramic layers ~~are composed of~~ comprise the dielectric ceramic composition according to claim 1.

3 (Currently amended). The laminated ceramic capacitor according to claim 2, wherein each of the internal electrodes comprises at least one conductive material selected from the group consisting of nickel, a nickel alloy, copper, and a copper alloy.

4 (New). The dielectric ceramic composition according to claim 1, wherein  $0.992 \leq m \leq 1.027$ ,  $0.042 \leq x \leq 0.19$ ,  $0.1 \leq a \leq 4.8$ ,  $0.055 \leq b \leq 4.7$ ,  $0.25 \leq c \leq 7.8$ , and  $0.055 \leq d \leq 2.45$ .

5 (New). The dielectric ceramic composition according to claim 1, wherein  $1.001 \leq m \leq 1.011$ ,  $0.08 \leq x \leq 0.17$ ,  $0.2 \leq a \leq 3.5$ ,  $0.1 \leq b \leq 2.5$ ,  $0.5 \leq c \leq 6$ , and  $0.2 \leq d \leq 1.5$ .

6 (New). The dielectric ceramic composition according to claim 1, wherein m is 1.001, x is 0.08, a is 0.2, b is 0.4, and c is 2.

7 (New). A laminated ceramic capacitor comprising: a plurality of laminated dielectric ceramic layers; at least two internal electrodes, each being disposed between a different pair of adjacent dielectric ceramic layers; and at least two external electrodes each of which is electrically connected to a different internal electrodes, wherein the dielectric ceramic layers comprise the dielectric ceramic composition according to claim 6.

8 (New). The laminated ceramic capacitor according to claim 7, wherein each of the internal electrodes comprises at least one conductive material selected from the group consisting of nickel, a nickel alloy, copper, and a copper alloy.

9 (New). A laminated ceramic capacitor comprising: a plurality of laminated dielectric ceramic layers; at least two internal electrodes, each being disposed between a different pair of adjacent dielectric ceramic layers; and at least two external electrodes each of which is electrically connected to a different internal electrodes, wherein the dielectric ceramic layers comprise the dielectric ceramic composition according to claim 5.

10 (New). The laminated ceramic capacitor according to claim 9, wherein each of the internal electrodes comprises at least one conductive material selected from the group consisting of nickel, a nickel alloy, copper, and a copper alloy.

11 (New). A laminated ceramic capacitor comprising: a plurality of laminated dielectric ceramic layers; at least two internal electrodes, each being disposed

between a different pair of adjacent dielectric ceramic layers; and at least two external electrodes each of which is electrically connected to a different internal electrodes, wherein the dielectric ceramic layers comprise the dielectric ceramic composition according to claim 4.

12 (New). The laminated ceramic capacitor according to claim 11, wherein each of the internal electrodes comprises at least one conductive material selected from the group consisting of nickel, a nickel alloy, copper, and a copper alloy.

13 (New). The dielectric ceramic composition according to claim 1, wherein Re is at least 2 of said elements.

14 (New). A laminated ceramic capacitor comprising: a plurality of laminated dielectric ceramic layers; at least two internal electrodes, each being disposed between a different pair of adjacent dielectric ceramic layers; and at least two external electrodes each of which is electrically connected to a different internal electrodes, wherein the dielectric ceramic layers comprise the dielectric ceramic composition according to claim 13.

15 (New). The laminated ceramic capacitor according to claim 14, wherein each of the internal electrodes comprises at least one conductive material selected from the group consisting of nickel, a nickel alloy, copper, and a copper alloy.